

THE LIGHT

July 2021 Newsletter



Tailgate with the Brazilian congregation



Cafe Reopening on Wednesday mornings



Bethel Summer Program Kickoff

RECONNECTING TOGETHER

Great things are happening now that we can gather together, it has been a joy to see everyone at events like: Tailgate with the Brazilian congregation, Cafe Reopening on Wednesday mornings, Bethel Summer Program Kickoff, 1st Wednesday, Sunday morning worship. Watch for news of more events to greet old and new friends!

BUNCO TIME

Everyone is Welcome

August 9th 10:00- 12:00
18:20 Cafe
\$3.00 a person



BACKPACKS TO BETHEL

We were able to complete 18 backpacks for Bethel. Thank you everyone who was able to donate. We passed our goal thanks to you.

1st WEDNESDAYS

AT FIRST BAPTIST

AUGUST 4

6 - 8 PM

Fun, Food and Being Together

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee continues through the process to find a new pastor.

- Phone interviews being conducted.
- Discussions with top candidate to come to Olathe for a private visit.

"D" GROUPS THIS FALL

What is a disciple? Jesus told His disciples to make more disciples. Today we, too, all called to become Jesus disciples and to make more disciples.

"D" (Discipleship) Groups will be organizing this fall. This small group ministry will grow us as followers, disciples, of Jesus.

Together we will study and pray to become spiritual friends with the mission to be Disciples Developing, Disciples Serving and Disciples Caring.

Interested in joining a discipleship group? Contact Dick and Jan Sipe @ jansipe2001@yahoo.com or 785-764-6854.



CAFE OPEN

Come and enjoy
a nice cup of coffee or
smoothie
with friends

Every Wednesday
9-11:30

STANTON'S PREACHING

Ed and Becky Stanton, our Global Servants in Hungary, will be with us on Sunday, July 25 during Morning Worship. Becky teaches English and Larry ministers to Refugees and Reliefs efforts.

The Stanton's ministry will be the mission giving opportunity for the month of July. To give, use the online giving option on our website or place your offering in the basket at the door of the sanctuary on Sunday or mail to the church office.

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for wisdom and patience for the search committee.

Pray for wisdom for our future pastor, the one God has specifically called to join with us.

Pray for hope and excitement for our church family as we are companions in this adventure of trust.



Featured Members



NELL BOWEN

Nell Bowen is a collector of treasure. She owned an antique store in downtown Olathe for ten years, which offered treasures from the past and a gathering place for friends to share coffee.

She and her husband John joined the FBC Olathe family in 1958. Being a part of our church has been a treasure in her life.

John and Nell have a son and a daughter, 4 grandsons and 3 great grandchildren. Very recently, John passed.

John and Nell moved from her "beloved" North Carolina to Kansas in 1954 after John graduated. He started his free lance court reporting business. His business included international travel.

John and Nell opened their home to nine students from MidAmerica Nazarene University. She treasures fond memories of each student.

A short conversation with Nell with inspire you to seek the treasure of faith and family.



ALEX CROSS

Ever wondered who is the tall young man playing the cello for Sunday worship? Alex Cross started playing cello in the school orchestra in the fourth grade. He is the son of Will and Mary Cross and will be a sophomore at Blue Valley Northwest this fall. Friends,

Music and Particle Physics are Alex's top interests. His favorite past time is hanging out on the neighborhood school playground with friends, maybe playing soccer. Alex also spends time with friends listening to music and "making music."

His favorite style of music is Hip Hop and Alternative.

Alex's athletic interest include track. He competes in school meets in the "800" run, long jump and the triple jump. His study path in high school is physics.

His future plans, as of now, are to be a researcher in particle physics. Perhaps the next time you see Alex in church you can ask him to explain what is particle physics!



MATT DAWS

Matt Daws is originally from Salina, Kansas. He is married to Chrystal who is also from Salina. They knew each other from elementary school but didn't date until after high school. They have two children, Peter (age 10) and Audrey (age 4). Matt works in Operations for Charlie's Car Wash. Matt and Chrystal sought out FBC Olathe when they moved to Olathe for Matt's employment. They had been a part of FBC in Salina, Ks.

Matt has been involved in scouting for many years. He is an Eagle Scout. With the Scouts he has traveled to Canada three times for High Adventure. Currently he is involved with the local troop as son Peter is a Webelo. He attributes scouting with teaching him leadership and the enjoyment of camping.

He also enjoys Geocaching (an activity which uses GPS to hide and seek small treasures). His dream trip is to visit Scotland to see the land of his ancestors.

IN PERSON CHURCH UPDATE

FBC is now having in person service. All Covid safety precautions will be in place.

- Masks are optional.
- Hand sanitizer at the entrance.
- Social distancing.

ONLINE CHURCH

We encourage everyone to join in on Sunday around 10:15 AM for online worship to chat with our church family.

Go to fbcoolathe.org or Scan this QR code.



CHURCH INFORMATION

Office is currently open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9AM to Noon.

Phone: 913-764-7088
Email: fbcoffice@fbcolathe.org
www.fbcolathe.org

CHURCH FINANCES

May 2021

Cash available for General Operations \$113,547.20

Revenue \$35,425

Expenses \$27,839

= + \$ 7,586.00

Capital fund = \$16,088.02

(\$8,725 designated towards painting the church exterior)

Loan balance \$50,694.53

Grand Pad Fund: +\$260.00
after annual payment for 5 pads

Thanks to everyone who continues to tithe!! It is greatly appreciated.
Contact our Treasurer for any questions regarding church finances.

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BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 25

1:15pm

In-Person and Zoom

Poteential Agenda Items:

- Financial Reports
- Gardner Property
- Constitution Updates
- Organzantial Chart
- Other